A LETTER from King EDWARD the Sixth, TO Sir BARNABY FITZPATRICK,

In the poſſeſſion of the Earl of UPPER OSSORY.

EDWARD

THE Cauſes whi we have not hitherto written unto you, have partly be the lakke of a convenient meſſanger, partly bicauſe we ment to have ſome things worthie writing ere we wold write any thing. And therfor being now almoſt in the middle of our journey wich we have undertaken this ſomer, we have thought good to aduertiſe how ſins our laſt letters dated at Grenwich we departed from thes towards a thing far contrary to that wherein as we perceive by your diliget aduertiſemet you and al the Country you ar in ar occupied. For wheras you al have be occupied in killing of your enemies, in long marchings, in painful iourneys, in extreme heat, in ſore Skirmithings and diuers aſſaults, we have be occupied in killing o' wild beſtes, in pleaſat iourneyes, in good fare, in uewing of fair Countries, and rather have ſought how to fortifie our own the to ſpoile another mans. And being this dey determined am **** to Gilford, frome thes to Petworth and ſo to Coudray, a goodly houſe of Sir Anthony Brounes, where we were marueloſly, yea rather exceſſiuely banketted. From thes we went to Haluenaker a pretty houſe beſides Chicheſtir. From thes we went to Warblington a faire houſe of Sir Richard Cottons, and ſo to Waltra a faire great old houſe in times paſt the biſhop of Wincheſtirs, and now my Lord Treaſurours houſe. In al theis places we had both good hunting and good chere. Frome thes we went to Portſmouth toune, and there uiewed not only the toune itſelf and the hauen, but alſo diuers Bulwarkes as Charterton, Haſelford with others. In uiewing of wich we find the bulwarkes chargeable, maſſie and wel rampared but il facioned il flanked and ſet in unmete places, the toune weake in compariſon of that it ought to be, to houge great 'for wt in the Wallis ar faire and large cloſes, and much uacant rome' the hauen notable great, and ſtanding by nature eaſie to be ſortefied. And for the more ſtrength thereof we have deviſed tow ſtrong Caſtellis on either ſide of the haue, at the mouth thereof. For at the mouth the haue is not paſt tenſcore ouer, but in the middle almoſt a mile ouer, and in lenght for a mile and a hauf, hable to beare the greateſt Ship in Criſtendome. Frome thes We went to Tichfeld th' erle of Southamptone's houſe, and ſo to Southamptoune.

The citeſens had beſtowed for our comeng great coſt in peinting repairing and remparing of their Wallis. The toune is anſome, and for the bignes of it as faire houſes as be at London. The citeſens made great chere, and many of the kept coſtly tables. Frome Southampton we came to Beuley a litle village in the middel of the new forreſt, and ſo to Chriſtchurch another litle toune in the ſame forreſt, where we now be. And hauing aduertiſed you of al this, we thinke it not good to trouble you any further, with newes of this Countrye, but only that at this time the moſt part of England 'thankis be to God' is clere of any dangerouſe or infeccious ſikenes, we haue receiued al your letters, of the 26th of May, of the 19th of June, and of the firſt of Auguſt, thus fare you wel. From Chriſtchurch, the 22d of Auguſt.

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